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TO: Persons Interested in the *National Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee*

FROM: Laura Eckert Johnson, Director

SUBJECT: NRTP ~ Call for Advisory Committee Applicants

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) is seeking four individuals to fill positions on its standing *National Recreational Trails Program* (NRTP) Advisory Committee:

- *Citizen-at-large*: Two positions open for persons with an exceptional understanding of trails and/or closely related issues. One appointment is through December 2008, the other through December 2009.
- *Motorized trail recreation*: One position. We are especially seeking ATV and motorcycle candidates, since four-wheel drive and snowmobiles are now represented. Appointments are through December 2008.
- *Nonmotorized trail recreation*: One position open. We will consider only equestrian candidates. Appointment is through December 2008.

The 15 member NRTP Advisory Committee counsels IAC on program policies and project funding. In recent years, members' main commitment has been to attend one weekday meeting^[1] and spend 10-20 personal hours evaluating projects for funding. Per diem is provided.

The ideal candidate • has a statewide perspective, • is recognized for trail experience, • has a good grasp of trail issues, • has the resources to fully participate in committee activities, and • helps IAC attain a committee that represents the state's diversity. We especially seek persons that can show the support of those in the category represented.

Past members may re-apply. NRTP committee members may hold membership in organizations that submit NRTP grant applications to IAC. See the *NRTP Policies/Charter* for more information.

NRTP has been an important source of grant funding in Washington since 1994 and in recent years has provided more than \$1 million annually in trail assistance. Through the years, the Advisory Committee has helped provide guidance for funding 250 projects, from the Washington Trail Association's statewide trail maintenance program to the Jones Creek motorcycle trail in Clark County. The NRTP Program places its highest priority on supporting maintenance, operation, and renovation of existing trails.

Interested persons must complete and return the [application](#) to IAC **no later than January 28, 2005**. We will notify all applicants of the outcome of this process. For more information, please contact Greg Lovelady at 360/ 902-3008 (GregL@iac.wa.gov).

^[1] The next meeting is planned for August 16, 2005 in Cle Elum.